

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Walter McNutt, on February 1, 2011 at 3:23 P.M., in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. John Esp (R)
Rep. Steve Gibson (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Antoine Brockman, Committee Secretary
Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 49, 1/27/2011

HEARING ON HB 49

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:39 Rep. Betsy Hands (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 49, Authorize the sale of bonds to fund Blackfeet water compact.

00:02:27 Rep. Schmidt entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:32 Sen. Augare, SD 8

00:07:00 Sen. Jones, SD 14

00:09:03 Rep. Gibson left the room.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:15 Rep. Roberts

00:11:32 Sen. Jones, SD 14

Proponents' Testimony Continued:

00:12:15 Rep. Hollenbaugh entered the room.

00:12:17 Lila Evans, Toole and Glacier Counties

00:13:15 Chris Tweeten, Chairman, Reserve Water Rights Commission

EXHIBIT(aph25a01)

00:15:52 Rep. Gibson entered the room.

00:22:41 Rep. Hollenbaugh left the room.

00:23:29 Rep. Cuffe left the room.

00:23:43 Rep. Hollenbaugh entered the room.

00:24:14 Rep. Brodehl entered the room.

00:27:20 John Bloomquist, Representative Attorney, Pondera Canal and Reservoir Company

00:29:37 Rep. Hiner left the room.

00:33:58 Rep. Mehlhoff entered the room.

00:34:14 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Company

00:35:20 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

00:36:08 Rep. Cuffe entered the room.

EXHIBIT(aph25a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:54 Rep. Edmunds
00:39:13 Rep. Hands
00:39:35 Mr. Tweeten, Reserve Water Rights Commission
00:41:49 Rep. Edmunds
00:42:05 Mr. Tweeten, Reserve Water Rights Commission
00:44:41 Edmunds
00:44:53 Mr. Tweeten, Reserve Water Rights Commission
00:44:58 John Bloomquist, Representative Attorney, Pondera Canal and Reservoir
Company
00:45:43 Rep. Burnett
00:46:06 Mr. Tweeten, Reserve Water Rights Commission
00:48:35 Rep. Burnett
00:49:04 Rep. Cuffe
00:49:20 Mr. Tweeten, Reserve Water Rights Commission
00:50:17 Rep. Cuffe
00:50:29 Mr. Tweeten, Reserve Water Rights Commission
00:51:42 Jon Moe, Expenditure Policy Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
00:52:28 Rep. Edmunds
00:52:44 Mr. Moe, LFD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:03 Rep. Hands

00:55:52 Brief Recess
01:03:09 Back in order

Legislative Fiscal Division Informational Session:

01:04:14 Amy Carlson, Director, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
[**EXHIBIT\(aph25a03\)**](#)
01:07:22 Kris Wilkinson, Fiscal Analyst II, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
[**EXHIBIT\(aph25a04\)**](#)
01:09:42 Lois Steinbeck, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
[**EXHIBIT\(aph25a05\)**](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:53 Rep. Gibson
01:14:11 Pat Gervais, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
01:14:52 Rep. Belcourt

Legislative Fiscal Division Informational Session Continued:

01:15:12 Ms Steinbeck, LFD
01:15:42 Barb Smith, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
[**EXHIBIT\(aph25a06\)**](#)
01:21:15 Ms Carlson, LFD

Questions from Committee Members and Responses Continued:

01:30:17	Rep. Ehli
01:30:30	Ms Carlson, LFD
01:32:21	Rep. Hollandsworth
01:32:37	Ms Carlson, LFD
01:35:03	Rep. Gibson
01:35:25	Ms Carlson, LFD
01:36:00	Chairman McNutt
01:36:30	Ms Carlson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:38:04

Antoine Brockman, Secretary

ab

EXHIBIT(aph25a07) Additional exhibit submitted after HB 49 hearing.

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph25aad.pdf](#))